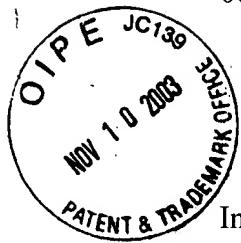


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
WILLIAM S. BESS, ET AL.) Examiner: Elli Peselev
Application No.: 09/535,005) Group Art Unit: 1623
Filed: March 23, 2000)
For: FAST DISSOLVING ORALLY)
CONSUMABLE SOLID FILM)
CONTAINING A TASTE MASKING)
AGENT AND)
PHARMACEUTICALLY ACTIVE)
AGENT AT WEIGHT RATIO)
OF 1:3 TO 3:1 (As Amended)) November 7, 2003

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows: